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1. THE FOLLOWING DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE UP-DATES THE DRAFT SUBMITTED PREVIOUSLY. IT REFLECTS CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED SINCE LAST NOVEMBER AND ALSO OFFERS ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE ON ISSUES WHERE APPROPRIATE (PARAS 5,6,8 AND 10). IT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE GOV AND IS BY NO MEANS A FINISHED TEXT. RATHER IT REFLECTS A LIST OF ITEMS THE EMBASSY BELIEVES SHOULD BE INCLUDED BEARING IN MIND THAT, ON VARIOUS MULITLATERAL ISSUES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN, JIMMY CARTER, AND MRS. CARTER VISITED CARACAS MARCH 28-29, 1978 IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION EXTENDED BY PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ AND MRS. PEREZ. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER WERE ACCOMPANIED BY.....

3. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSIONS.....

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4. THE PRESIDENTS OF VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION AND THE STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRACY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHICH IS THE BASIS ON WHICH DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS ARE CONSTITUTED AND FLOURISH.

5. THEY REEMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO ALL SOCIETIES AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL SOON BE RATIFIED AND ENTER INTO FORCE. THEY REAFFIRMED THAT THE ROLE AND WORK OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IS ESSENTIAL TO PROMOTING AN EFFECTIVE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY EMPHASIZED THEIR GOVERNMENTS' INTEREST IN INCREASING BOTH THE AUTONOMY AND RESOURCES OF THAT COMMISSION. IN REGARD TO THE SITUATION IN NICARAGUA, THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MOVEMENT TOWARD GREATER DEMOCRACY AND SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT A VISIT BY THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO NICARAGUA WOULD BE OPPORTUNE AT THIS TIME. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER WAYS IN WHICH THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE PROTECTION AND RESETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL REFUGEES MAY BE EXPANDED.

6. ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE:

A. THE PRESIDENTS REFERRED TO THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA OF THE RATIFICATION BY THE U.S. SENATE OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. THEY AGREED THAT THE TREATIES ASSURE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF BOTH THE PEOPLES OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES AND THAT THEY REFLECT THE SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP, MUTUAL RESPECT AND INTER-DEPENDENCE WHICH SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUIDE RELATIONS AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE.

B. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP REGRET AT THE FAILURE OF THE U.S. SENTATE TO RATIFY THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. THEY AGREED THAT THIS UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT IMPEDE A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE TOWARD FURTHER COOPERATION AND A RECOGNITION OF MUTUAL INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE INDIVIDUAL NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN.

2. THE TWO PRESIDENTS HELD A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION ON MATTERS RELATING TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS DISSEMINATION, DISARMAMENT, AND REDUCTION IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS. NOTING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE, AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE SECURITY OF THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY CANNOT CONTINUE ON A BASIS OF A BALANCE OF TERROR, PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT PEREZ REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO WORK FOR THE LIMITATION AND FUTURE REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARMS, AND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GREATER SAFEGUARDS IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THEY PLACED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ON THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA

AND ONCE AGAIN URGED THOSE STATES WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE LATIN AMERICAN REGION TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THIS IMPORTANT TREATY WHICH ESTABLISHES A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE IN LATIN AMERICA. THEY DISCUSSED THE NEED TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO REDUCE CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS AND EFFORTS TO REACH GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. FURTHER, THEY AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF VARIOUS REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO OF 1974.

8. THEY CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE THEY PLACE IN CONTINUING COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REVIEWED THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING EARLIER IN THE MONTH BETWEEN MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINES VALENTIN HERNANDEZ AND SECRETARY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENERGY JAMES SCHLESINGER, NOTING THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THIS INITIAL MEETING, AND REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO CONTINUE PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ENERGY MATTERS. THEY ALSO NOTED WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION, BOTH AT THE ORGANIZING CONFERENCE AND THE SUBSEQUENT TECHNICAL MEETINGS, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS EVALUATION WILL SUCCEED IN ITS GOAL OF REDUCING THE DANGER OF THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HELPING ALL COUNTRIES MEET THEIR GROWING ENERGY NEEDS.

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9. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NECESSITY FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION WITHIN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, BOTH WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS CONTEXT AND IN OTHER APPROPRIATE FORA.

10. THEY DREW ATTENTION TO THE NECESSITY FOR ALL STATES TO COOPERATE IN THE ON-GOING LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT THE MANY VITAL MATTERS UNDER NEGOTIATION BE RESOLVED TO REFLECT THE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES AND OF HUMANKIND AS A WHOLE. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS (HAVE) (WILL SHORTLY) SIGN(ED) A MARITIME AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A LINE OF DELIMITATION OF FISHERY JURISDICTION ZONES BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES. THIS AGREEMENT WILL SERVE AS A FITTING EXAMPLE OF THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES.

11. THEY UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMBATting INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WHICH ENDANGERS INNOCENT LIVES AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE. THEY REITERATED THE INTENTIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE IN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FORA TO REDUCE THE THREAT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

12. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION TO THE PEACE, PROSPERITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEMISPHERE. THEY LAUDED THE EFFORTS OF THE ANDEAN COMMON MARKET, THE LATIN AMERICAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION AND THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO BRING INTO BEING COMMON INSTITUTIONS AND MECHANISMS WHICH SERVE MUTUALLY TO BENEFIT THE MEMBERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

13. THEY CONDEMNED THE PRACTICE OF ILLEGAL INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS WHICH SERVE TO Demean BOTH THOSE WHO PERPETRATE SUCH ACTS AND THOSE WHO RECEIVE SUCH ILLICIT FUNDS. THEY CALLED ON ALL STATES TO SUPPORT THE ECOSOC-SPONSORED CONVENTION OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE NECESSITY FOR THE CREATION OF AN EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE CODE OF INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SKILLS, CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY TO RECIPIENT STATES WHILE ALSO ASSUREING THAT SUCH CORPORATIONS MEET ACCEPTED NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE WITHIN RECIPIENT STATES.

14. THE PRESIDENTS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE THAT THE STATES DIRECELTY CONCERNED SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY. THEY CONDEMNED THE PRESENCE OF EXTRA-CONTINENTAL FORCES IN THE AREA AND CALLED UPON THOSE INVOLVED TO WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES FROM THE AREA. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE EVOLVING SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CONDEMNED APARTHEID

AS A BASIC DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS, OBSERVING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS
ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE POLITICAL VALUES OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES.

15. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE
CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT RHODESIA UNDER A FORMULA WHICH WILL
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF ALL OF THE RHODESIAN PEOPLE. FURTHER,
THEY ALSO AGREED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PEACE OF SOUTHERN
AFRICA THAT NAMIBIA GAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE WITHIN A PROCESS WHICH
FULLY GUARANTEES THE RIGHTS AND LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE NAMBIAN
PEOPLES.

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16. PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT PEREZ ALSO DISCUSSED THE CONTINUING

DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING EFFORTS TO REACH A MIDDLE EAST PEACE
SETTLEMENT. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR A JUST
AND PERMANENT MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, AND THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE.

17. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO MADE KNOWN THEIR DECISION TO CONTINUE
TO WORK COOPERATIVELY, TOGETHER WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS,
IN THE FURTHERANCE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE
CARIBBEAN BASIN. THEY LAUDED THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIN-
ANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUAL STATES IN THE SPHERE OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH THEIR GOVERNMENTS
ARE COMMITTED TO FINDING EFFECTIVE MEANS TO ASSIST CARIBBEAN STATES
TO ACHIEVE GREATER ECONOMIC VIABILITY.

18. PRESIDENT PEREZ AND PRESIDENT CARTER NOTED THAT THIS STATE VISIT
CONSTITUTED THE THIRD MEETING BETWEEN THEM AND THEREBY SIGNIFIES
THEIR INTENTION TO CONSULT FREQUENTLY AND DIRECTLY AS NECESSARY, AS
WELL AS THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS AND OTHER REPRESENT-
ATIVES, ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THEIR TWO NATIONS. THEY ALSO
STRESSED THAT THEIR CONSULTATIONS SERVE TO EXEMPLIFY THE SHARED
GOALS AND VALUES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

19. PRESIDENT CARTER AND MRS. CARTER EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT PEREZ
AND MRS. PEREZ THEIR PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR THE CORDIALITY
AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THEM AND THEIR STAFF BY THE GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA. PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO
EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT PEREZ HIS GREAT PERSONAL SATISFACTION WITH
THE RESULTS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS. END TEXT. VAKY

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